



Mantua PTA Alert News

May 18, 2004

Lots of Dust

Mantua's School-Based Technology Specialist, Margaret Stalford, is collecting clean sheets to cover computers for the summer months. The staff is doing a thorough cleaning of the computers at the end of school and would like to keep them dust-free over the summer months. If you have some old sheets you no longer need, please send them to the Computer Lab. They will be distributed to classrooms as needed.

FCCPTA and the School Calendar

Due to various school-calendar issues arising from weather problems, potential for terrorism, fixed SOL, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exam dates in May, etc., the Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA) formed a committee to develop a brief questionnaire on potential changes to the school calendar. Please let them know your opinions on this matter! Their web site is at www.fccpta.org.

Interested in Cub Scouts?

Come find out more! On Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m., all rising 1st - 5th grade boys and their parents are invited to join Pack 1533 for a fun game of "Capture the Flag" in the Mantua Playing Field. Parents, Scouting is a wonderful program, and there are great opportunities for you to be involved with your son. This event is a great way to introduce your son to the fun of Cub Scouting.

Dept of Energy Kids Zone

The DOE provides an energy-related site for kids. There's a link on the PTA web site for your and your children's interest. Go to www.MantuaPTA.org, and click the For Students tab.

WTWoodson Crew Yard Sale

What a great way to get rid of your leftovers or spring-cleaning items! Over 60 families will be participating in this year's annual sale, which benefits the Woodson Crew. It's Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Woodson gym. Tax deductible donations can be dropped off at the Interstate trailer at WTW from June 2 - 4, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; receipts are available. Call Colleen Blessing at 703-425-0247 for more information.

Field Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed for Field Day! Parent volunteers walk the children around the game course and keep score. There are two sessions: morning (9:00 a.m. - noon) and afternoon (12:45 - 3:00). Each Kindergarten through 2nd grade class needs 3 volunteers for each session, and 3rd through 6th grades need 2 volunteers each session.

- Tuesday, June 1: Kindergarten thru Second Grade
- Wednesday, June 2: Third & Fourth Grades
- Thursday, June 3: Fifth & Sixth Grades

If you are interested in volunteering in your child's class, please contact Cheryl Dickison at 703-352-3026 or cheryl.dickison@cox.net for K-2, or Kathy Frongello at 703-385-3614 or robertjfrongello@cox.net for grades 3-6. Handy email links are available on the PTA home page, www.MantuaPTA.org.

Providence Players

Providence Players of Fairfax will be presenting its next production at the newly renovated James Lee Community Center! The Players will perform *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, a classic Kaufman and Hart comedy, starting June 4 in the new venue. The whole center has been completely renovated, and the new theater is state-of-the-art, with raked seating and sophisticated light and sound technology. *The Man Who Came to Dinner* runs Fridays and Saturdays for three weekends at 7:30 p.m., starting June 4. There will be a matinee on June 13 at 2:00. The James Lee Community Center is located at 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA, 22042. Tickets are \$12, or \$7 for seniors and students 18 and under. Please call 703-425-6782 and leave messages to order tickets, or email us at ProvidencePlayers@cox.net. Visa and MasterCard orders can be accepted!

Alert News Contributions

Send via email to alertnews@mantuapta.org, or call 703-383-1005.
Thanks to Jeriann Stone Mikesh and Donna Konigsberg
for copying and distributing the Alert News.

www.mantuapta.org